



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R70 - 2018

Introduced by the Administration on May 16, 2018

Authorizes encroachment for access and emergency exits at Symphony Hall access and emergency exits on the 500 block of West Court Street on the north side between 6th and Law.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Article 903.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown, relating to Permanent Obstructions specifies the criterion and the conditions under which permissible encroachments such as steps, porches, planters, fences, building projections and service structures shall be permitted in the public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, permanent obstructions not permitted under the above criterion or approved by the Bureau of Building and Standards, may be permitted upon the expressed approval of Council in the form of a resolution; and

WHEREAS, such encroachments shall not impede or endanger the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic; adversely affect the passage of light or air to adjoining properties; adversely affect in any other manner the health, safety or welfare of adjoining property owners or the public in general; or represent a significant variance from the number or size of encroachments existing in the immediate block area; and

WHEREAS, Allentown Symphony Association, the property owner as listed on the attached application, is requesting an encroachment to install steps in the public right-of-way at 500 block of W. Court Street (North side between 6th and Law), which was denied by the Administration as it encroaches more than one third (1/3) into the right-of-way;

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council finds that the proposed encroachment will not substantially impact the public right-of-way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, approves said encroachment and directs the Mayor to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City allowing the encroachment.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Public Works - Engineering

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The proposed stair encroachments are for Symphony Hall access and emergency exits. Permanent encroachment for steps on 500 block W. Court Street (north side between 6th and Law).

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish
 - What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this
 - How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities

Part of the Court Street/Arts Walk streetscape project

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - Cost (Initial and ongoing)
 - Benefits (initial and ongoing)

no cost to City

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.

N/A

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

High priority

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This is part of a streetscape project being done by City Center at no cost to the City.